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ISD/STD/PCOS FACILITIES IN BIHAR
KANTI SINGH;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAM PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISD/STD/PCO facilities have been extended to all the rural and adivasi areas in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether these facilities are yet to be extended to those areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided in the rural and adivasi areas of the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Sir, ISD/STD/PCO facility is offered in rural and adivasi areas from an exchange located in the same or nearby arealf an eligible franchisee seeks to set up a PCO and if it is technically feasible, it is set up. For coverage of villages mostly Village Public Telephones (VPT) are provided and whenever a request is received for STD/ISD facility on these VPTs and if they are technically feasible, the same is provided. Out of 22133 VPTs, 2647 have been provided with STD/ISD facility.

(c) , (d) & (e) All the villages have been targetted to be provided with VPTs by March,2002. STD/ISDfacility can be extended, if applied, subject to technical feasibility and completion of commercial formalities.